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VIA ECFS

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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554
Attn: Wireline Competition Bureau

**Re: WC Docket No. 10-90
Rural Broadband Experiment Expression of Interest – Rate-of-Return Areas
Riviera Telephone Company, Inc.**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Riviera Telephone Company, Inc. ("RTC") hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's rural broadband experiments to provide robust, scalable high-speed broadband to unserved high-cost areas with additional Connect America funding.¹ RTC is a rate-of-return incumbent local exchange carrier serving rural areas of Texas and proposes deployment as follows.

Proposed Service Area

RTC proposes to upgrade broadband to 643 unserved premises within the regulated service territory in the counties of Brooks, Kenedy and Kleberg, Texas.

Proposed Broadband Service

RTC proposes to expand its current broadband services to any unserved census blocks within its regulated service area with broadband at transmission speeds of at least 3 Mbps downstream/768 kbps upstream provided over fiber, copper or fixed wireless facilities, or a combination thereof, funded by this request. RTC expects service to be offered to all unserved customers within one to three years after construction starts, depending on the construction required.

Funding

RTC does not have sufficient information at this time to develop cost estimates for the proposed broadband experiment projects. The costs will be provided if and when a formal proposal is submitted.

RTC appreciates the opportunity to provide this non-binding expression of interest. Please contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



Bill Colston, Jr.
President/General Manager

¹ See *Technology Transitions et al.*, GN Docket No. 13-5 et al., Order, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Report and Order, Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, Proposal for Ongoing Data Initiative, FCC 14-5 (rel. Jan. 31, 2014).